

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Docket No. 402200)

Art Unit: 2175

Examiner: Hasson Mahmoudi

In re the Application of:

WILLIAM WELLS, et al.

Serial No.: 09/491,899

Filed: January 27, 2000

For: Gaming Terminal and System With

Biometric Identification

TO: MAIL STOP: Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the following:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 11.